

REMINDER: Town Hall Meeting

You are invited to a Town Hall meeting **Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 5:00 PM** at the U.S. Embassy Residential Compound, poolside, with the program beginning promptly at 5:30 PM. We anticipate presentations from the Ambassador, Regional Security Officer, and Consular Officer. There will be a separate short meeting with wardens, and those who want to be wardens, after the main program. A cash bar with a variety of beverages will be available.

The United States Embassy Residential Compound is located in the Tong Ping neighborhood of Juba. Limited parking will be available along DDR Road. DDR is the well-maintained street between the Residential Compound and the Embassy Office Compound.

Please note that the event is **open only to United States citizens**. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to ACSJuba@state.gov by noon, Monday, January 25. **Please be advised that all participants must present a valid U.S. Passport – no other IDs will be accepted.** Please pass this invitation on to any interested U.S. citizens. If you do not RSVP you will still be allowed to attend, but the security clearance process will be longer. Please leave all large electronics at home. Cell phones will be allowed into the residential compound, but you are not allowed to take photos.

Thank you for registering with the U.S. Embassy through the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) or otherwise, which has enabled you to receive this information. Please help us improve our outreach to the community of U.S. citizens in South Sudan by encouraging friends and colleagues to register at travel.state.gov.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the website of the [U.S. Embassy in Juba](#). [Upcoming programs and events are announced on our Facebook and Twitter pages.](#)

You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Warning](#), Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The United States Embassy in Juba is located in Tong Ping, north of the Ministries complex next to the European Union compound. Consular office-hours telephone: +211 (0)912 105 188.

VOTING IN 2016 U.S. ELECTIONS

Your vote counts! Did you know that many U.S. elections for house and senate have been decided by a margin smaller than the number of ballots cast by absentee

voters? All states are required to count every absentee ballot as long as it is valid and reaches local election officials by the absentee ballot receipt deadline.

Follow a few simple steps to make sure that you can vote in the 2016 U.S. elections:

- 1. Request Your Ballot:** Complete a new [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#). *You must complete a new FPCA after January 1, 2016 to ensure you receive your ballot for the 2016 elections.* The completion of the FPCA allows you to request absentee ballots for all **elections for federal offices (President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives)** including primaries and special elections during the calendar year in which it is submitted. The [FPCA](#) is accepted by all local election officials in all U.S. states and territories.

You can complete the FPCA **online** at [FVAP.gov](#). The online voting assistant will ask you questions specific to your state. We encourage you to ask your local election officials to deliver your blank ballots to you electronically (by email, internet download, or fax, depending on your state). Include your email address on your FPCA to take advantage of the electronic ballot delivery option. Return the FPCA per the instructions on the website. FVAP.gov will tell you if your state allows the [FPCA](#) to be returned electronically or if you must submit a paper copy with original signature. If you must return a paper version, please see below for mailing options.

- 2. Receive and Complete Your Ballot:** States are required to send out ballots 45 days before a regular election for federal office and states generally send out ballots at least 30 days before primary elections. For most states, you can confirm your [registration and ballot delivery online](#).
- 3. Return Your Completed Ballot:** Some states allow you to return your completed ballot electronically and others do not. If your state requires you to return paper voting forms or ballots to local election officials, you can do so free of charge at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. Place your ballots in postage paid return envelopes or in envelopes bearing sufficient domestic U.S. postage, and address them to the relevant local election officials.

You may submit forms and ballots to the consular section to be returned to the United States by diplomatic pouch by placing your addressed postage paid/stamped envelopes into a box designated for voting located in the main embassy reception area. Note that the normal transit time for U.S. mail from Embassy Juba is at least three weeks.

If it's more convenient for you, you can also return your FPCA or ballot to your local election officials via international mail or professional courier service at your own expense.

Researching the Candidates and Issues: Online Resources. Check out the [FVAP links page](#) for helpful resources that will aid your research of candidates and issues. Non-partisan information about candidates, their voting records, and their positions on issues are widely available and easy to obtain on-line. You can also read national and hometown newspapers on-line, or search the internet to locate articles and information. For information about election dates and deadlines, subscribe to FVAP's Voting Alerts (vote@fvap.gov). FVAP also shares Voting Alerts via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Learn more at the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website, FVAP.gov. If you have any questions about registering to vote overseas, please contact Juba's Consular Section at 091-210-5188, or at VoteJuba@state.gov

Remember, your vote counts!